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REPRESENTATIVE WENINGER INTRODUCES BILL THAT ASSISTS FAMILY CARETAKERS OF CHILDREN IN NEED

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Thursday, January 14, 2016) – Representative Jeff Weninger today dropped HB2452, which would allow cash assistance for a child during and after the process of changing custody from the Department of Child Safety to the care of a nonparent relative, largely grandparents.

If a child's parents abandon, pass away, or otherwise neglect the child, a family member can receive custody of the child. HB2452 would create a mechanism where the grandparent or other nonparent relatives receive financial assistance for caring for the child. This would allow the child to remain with a family member while simultaneously receiving cash assistance from the Department of Economic Security.

Representative Jeff Weninger stated, "The time a child who has been separated or lost from his parents is one I hope no child ever has to go through. However, if these tragedies do befall children of this state, I want them to know the state will help them moving forward. This bill will allow the child to continue being in the care of a family member, rather than strangers, and the family will be able to receive financial support to care for the child."

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